

Waterfront Committee Meeting Minutes
August 8, 2023

Those present were Sue, Dick, David, Terry and Callie

Sue called the meeting to order at 5:02pm

There was a review of minutes from June 27, 2023 and July 25, 2023.

Voted to approve the June 27th meeting minutes as written. Did not have a quorum for the July 25th meeting minutes, will be reviewed and approved at the next meeting.

The Committee discussed the aquaculture in the Sheepscot River, one small oyster farm, after going through approval process last year that the Committee was aware of, is now operational after a few set backs.

Sue reported for the dock assistant report, talked about her experience and the request for more volunteers. There is various Wiscasset information available at the Harbormaster office to be given out along with a log of boaters coming and going. There are also notes of various observations or questions.

There was a brief discussion on fees and the potential for adjustments. This season is to gauge and get a feeling for the use of the waterfront. An informal meeting of the volunteers will be held at the end of the season to have a discussion about their experience and gather information or recommendations to bring to the Committee.

Credit card machine has been installed thanks to Public Works, has been used since without issue just need to add to fees the service charge for use. Will make a schedule for standard fees.

The Committee had a discussion on dingy tie ups to the recreational float. The decision was made for the Harbor Masters discretion for any dingy tied up.

Terry provided information on the passenger rail. She gave a recap of the Selectboard meeting presentation including the high interest level, the successes that have already taken place with the short runs and touring of the train itself. The goal is for an August 26th stop in Wiscasset for residents to do a walk through with the location to be on Railroad Ave. There was then a lengthy discussion about the rail future in Wiscasset. Committee is excited about the prospect.

The Committee had a brief discussion about the mooring field, nearly 80 moorings registered, most registered moorings have been located and stickered for this season. A few moorings not registered, a few appear abandoned, and new ones are being placed. Plans are for GPS locations to be charted and then for a new simple numbering system.

Sue announced her request to resign as Chair of the Waterfront Committee.

Adjourned at 6:04pm

